

State Drug Arrests Hit New Levels

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SACRAMENTO—Drug arrests reached a new high in California, totaling 24,244 adults, which included some 12,800 persons arrested for drug offenses for the first time.

The report by Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch said most of the high incidence of arrests was due to marijuana offenses.

Juvenile arrests, totaling 5034, showed even a bigger jump over the previous year and were up 87 per cent. The extent of the increase

of marijuana usage was apparent from the statistics which showed adult marijuana arrests were up 71 per cent and the arrests of juveniles for offenses involving this drug were up 140 per cent.

"The most dramatic aspect of this picture of California's narcotic problem in 1966 is the massive increase in marijuana offenses," Lynch said.

"This increase is also reflected in the mounting marijuana seizures by state and local narcotics agents. Last week, the largest

marijuana seizure in California history was made by our agents in Los Angeles," he said. "It involved a ton of marijuana."

In the past seven years, marijuana arrests have increased 248.8 per cent statewide. The increase in arrests for hard narcotics offenses for the seven-year period has been 16 per cent, while dangerous drug offense arrests have risen 84 per cent.

Adult arrests for heroin and other hard narcotics showed a 10.5 per cent increase in 1966, Lynch said.

Los Angeles county accounted for 59 per cent of all adult drug arrests and 63 per cent of all juvenile drug arrests. In Los Angeles county, narcotics arrests while they gained in cocaine addict and user arrests the rest of the state.

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New Sales Rep Joins Area Firm

William (Bill) Stauder has joined Dett, Inc., as manufacturers sales representative, W. E. Sawtell, vice president and director of marketing, has announced.

Stauder will be responsible for sales in the greater Los Angeles Area for the Torrance-based manufacturer of wood finishing products.

The new sales representative has been associated with leading firms in the area for the past 22 years and most recently served as development sales manager for a major Los Angeles paint manufacturer.

Las Vegas Winners Selected

Four couples have been named winners in the Boys Market Las Vegas Vacation Sweepstakes contest in this area.

Picked from local entrants were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gerald Phillips, and Don Hibbard.

Winners will receive two nights and three days at the desert resort. Their vacation will include a show, buffet luncheon, buffet dinner, golf privileges, and two breakfasts.

The winners are among 348 being selected by Boys Markets throughout the Southland.

Beverly Asks Edison Help In Smog War

Bob Beverly of Manhattan beach, candidate for State Assembly from the 46th District, has appealed to the Southern California Edison Co. for immediate action to aid smog-plagued South Bay area residents.

Beverly asked the company to "make every effort to acquire additional natural gas and to accelerate your program of control of the emission of contaminants into the air."

Beverly told Edison President Jack Horton that numerous South Bay residents have been registering strong complaints about serious air pollution damage arising from the burning of fuel oil at the company's Redondo Beach steam generating plant. "The damage," he said, "is substantial."

In his letter, Beverly told Horton that "boat owners and inhabitants of the Redondo Beach King Harbor area are literally up in arms."

"We local officials are powerless to take any direct action to alleviate the problem," Beverly said.

Named to Council

Congressman Alphonso Bell Jr. (R-Los Angeles) today was named to the Liberty Park Advisory Council. Liberty Park is a 94,500-square-foot area at Beneficial Plaza in Los Angeles.

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